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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

The following Amendment and Remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action mailed April 10, 2002 (Paper No. 9). A petition for Extension of Time (one month to and including August 10, 2002) and a Submission of Proposed Drawing Amendment for Approval by Examiner (37 CFR 1.123) are being filed herewith. Kindly amend the above-identified U.S. patent application, without prejudice, as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification by replacing the first full paragraph on page 11, lines 6-20, of the specification with the corresponding replacement paragraph written in clean form below. A marked-up version of the replacement paragraph amended by rewriting and having all additions underlined and all deletions bracketed is attached hereto as page 15 of this amendment.